

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace paragraph [45] with the following amended paragraph:

**[0045]** Traditionally, a directory (a.k.a. a directory of folders) is a tree-based hierarchical structure wherein files are grouped into folders and folder, in turn, are arranged according to relative nodal locations that comprise the directory tree. For example, as illustrated in FIG. 2B, a DOS-based file system base folder (or “root directory”) 212 may comprise a plurality of folders 214, each of which may further comprise additional folders (as “subfolders” of that particular folder) 216, and each of these may also comprise additional folders ~~218~~ ad infinitum. Each of these folders may have one or more files 220 although, at the hardware/software interface system level, the individual files in a folder have nothing in common other than their location in the tree hierarchy. Not surprisingly, this approach of organizing files into folder hierarchies indirectly reflects the physical organization of typical storage media used to store these files (e.g., hard disks, floppy disks, CD-ROMs, etc.).